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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method of performing high-speed memory testing using a low speed tester, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

forming a test circuit on a memory chip on a wafer, said test circuit performing a pulse-width generator function by modifying a sync pulse on the memory chip to produce a column select signal with controlled time-on period;

forming a pulse turn-off generator on a memory chip of said wafer, said pulse turn-off generator modifying a write line signal with controlled turn-off delay;

enabling said test circuit by connecting a clock ~~signals~~ signal and a sync signal from said tester to said test circuit;

connecting ~~[[a]]~~ said column select signal from said tester to said pulse turn-off generator of said test circuit of said memory chip, forming a column select signal with controlled time-on period;

connecting ~~[[a]]~~ said write line from said tester to said pulse turn-off generator on a memory chip, forming a modified write line signal with controlled turn-off delay;

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combining said column select signal with controlled time-on period with said modified write line signal with controlled turn-off delay, creating a write recovery period of the memory chip; and

testing said memory chip ~~[[to]]~~ in said write recovery period.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said test method is performed during wafer probing.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said test method is performed during testing of a packaged memory chip using a low speed tester.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said write recovery period is less than ~~[[the]]~~ a period of ~~[[the]]~~ a tester clock.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, said pulse-width generator comprising the functions of:

receiving a clock pulse from said tester;

receiving a sync pulse from said memory chip;

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passing said sync pulse from the memory chip from the input to the output of said pulse-width generator; and  
delaying trailing edge of said sync pulse.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, said delaying said trailing edge of said sync pulse being achieved in a timer circuit, which passes a leading edge quickly and delays said trailing edge.

7. (original) The method of claim 5, said delaying said trailing edge of said sync pulse being achieved in a RC delay network of a timer circuit, delay being adjusted by selecting a different amount of capacitance.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, said pulse turn-off generator comprising:

receiving a row activation command;

creating a row-activation flag upon receipt of the row activation command;

initiating a column cycle;

writing a number of "n" WRPLS pulses during the column cycle;

applying the "n" WRPLS pulses as an input to a TWR reference component;

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generating "n" TWR\_PRO pulses by the TWR reference component;

applying the "n" TWR\_PRO pulses to a capacitor which is part of the TWR reference component, the falling edges of the "n" TWR\_PRO pulses charging the capacitor, the trailing edges of the "n" TWR\_PRO pulses discharging the capacitor, a last falling edge of the "n" TWR\_PRO pulses applied to the capacitor charging the capacitor;

internally generating a precharge command; and

ending a bit line precharge immediately after the last of said "n" TWR\_PRO pulses has fallen.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, each of said "n" TWR\_PRO pulses having an adjustable pulse width in order to screen-out fail bits of the TWR specification.

10. (currently amended) A test circuit for performing high-speed memory testing using a slow speed tester, comprising:

~~forming~~ a test circuit on a memory chip on a wafer, said test circuit comprising means for performing a pulse-width generator function by modifying a sync pulse on the memory chip to produce a column select signal with controlled time-on period;

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~~forming~~ a pulse turn-off generator on a memory chip of said wafer, said pulse turn-off generator comprising means for modifying a write line signal with controlled turn-off delay;

~~enabling~~ said test circuit being enabled by connecting a clock ~~signals~~ signal and a sync signal from said tester to said test circuit;

~~connecting~~ ~~[[a]]~~ said column select signal being connected from said tester to said pulse turn-off generator of said test circuit of said memory chip, ~~forming~~ a column select signal being formed with controlled time-on period;

~~connecting~~ ~~[[a]]~~ said write line being connected from said tester to said pulse turn-off generator on a memory chip, ~~forming~~ a modified write line signal being formed with controlled turn-off delay;

~~combining~~ said column select signal with controlled time-on period being combined with said modified write line signal with controlled turn-off delay, ~~creating~~ a write recovery period of the memory chip having been created; and

~~testing~~ said memory chip ~~[[to]]~~ being tested in said write recovery period.

11. (currently amended) The test circuit of claim 10, said ~~probing said wafer~~ memory chip being tested being ~~replaced~~

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performed by connecting said memory chip to a memory module,  
testing a packaged memory chip.

12. (currently amended) The test circuit of claim 10, said write recovery period being less than ~~[[the]]~~ a period of ~~[[the]]~~ a tester clock.

13. (original) The test circuit of claim 10, said pulse-width generator comprising:

- means for receiving a clock pulse from said tester;
- means for receiving a sync pulse from said memory chip;
- means for passing said sync pulse from the memory chip from the input to the output of said pulse-width generator; and
- means for delaying trailing edge of said sync pulse.

14. (original) The test circuit of claim 13, said means for delaying said trailing edge of said sync pulse being a timer circuit, which passes a leading edge quickly and delays said trailing edge.

15. (original) The test circuit of claim 13, said delaying said trailing edge of said sync pulse being achieved in a RC delay

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network of a timer circuit, delay being adjusted by selecting a different amount of capacitance.

16. (original) The test circuit of claim 10, said pulse turn-off generator comprising:

- means for receiving a row activation command;
- means for creating a row-activation flag upon receipt of the row activation command;
- means for initiating a column cycle;
- means for writing a number of "n" WRPLS pulses during the column cycle;
- means for applying the "n" WRPLS pulses as an input to a TWR reference component;
- means for generating "n" TWR\_PRO pulses by the TWR reference component;
- means for applying the "n" TWR\_PRO pulses to a capacitor which is part of the TWR reference component, the falling edges of the "n" TWR\_PRO pulses charging the capacitor, the trailing edges of the "n" TWR\_PRO pulses discharging the capacitor, a last falling edge of the "n" TWR\_PRO pulses applied to the capacitor charging the capacitor;
- means for receiving and registering a precharge command;

and

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means for ending a bit line precharge immediately after the last of said "n" TWR\_PRO pulses has fallen.

17. (currently amended) The test circuit of claim 16, each of said "n" TWR\_PRO pulses having an adjustable [[a]] pulse width in order to screen-out fail bits of the Twr specification.

18. (currently amended) The test circuit of claim 16, whereby pulse width variations of said "n" TWR\_PRO pulses, caused by process variations in said timing reference component and the time required to write data into all cell capacitances, track each other.